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SUBJECT: NATO TENDER: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF CALL FOR
BIDS FOR ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STUDY AND PERFORMANCE
CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE AUTOMATED
COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEM (ACE ACCIS)

1.

SHAPE HAS NOTIFIED EMBASSY OF ITS INTENTION TO CALL FOR
BIDS TO OBTAIN CONTRACTOR SERVICES TO ASSIST ACE IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF AN AUTOMATED COMMAND, CONTROL AND INFORMATION
SYSTEM FOR ACE. THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE TASKED TO DEVELOP
AND PROVIDE A DETAILED ARCHITECTURE DESIGN WITH FULL
COMPLEMENTARY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. THE RESULTS OF
THE CONTRACT WILL INCLUDE STATEMENT OF PERFORMANCE
CHARACTERISTICS IN SUFFICIENT DEPTH FOR USE BY SHAPE TO
DEVELOP SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING
BY SEPARATE AIRMAIL COPY OF PROJECT NARRATIVE.

2. IT IS ESTIMATED THE CONTRACTOR WILL REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY
TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN STUDY.

3. THIS ICB (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING) WILL BE
IMPLEMENTED UNDER NUMBER IFB 78-28-1. THE SHAPE STATEMENT
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OF WORK IN THE INVITATION FOR BID WILL BE NATO RESTRICTED.
THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S TOTAL STAFF ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT
MUST HAVE AT LEAST A NATO SECRET CLEARANCE. IN ADDITION,
AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS MUST HAVE COSMIC TOP SECRET ATOMAL
CLEARANCES, WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF CONTRACT AWARD.

4. THE ICB WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AC/4-D/2261 (FINAL)

(PROCEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING) EXCEPT FOR THE APPLICATION OF A TWO-STEP BIDDING PROCEDURE DESIGNED TO CONFINE THE SUBMISSION OF FINAL TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PROPOSALS TO HIGHLY QUALIFIED BIDDERS. IN THIS CONNECTION:

A) IN STEP ONE BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR GENERAL TECHNICAL PROPOSAL, EXCLUDING PRICES OR PRICING DATA. BIDDERS ARE ADVISED THAT THEIR TECHNICAL PROPOSALS ARE TO BE COMPLETED AS CALLED FOR IN THE INVITATION FOR BIDS, WITHOUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR EXPLANATION. BIDDERS ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT SHAPE MAY MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER A PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF THE PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED, AND PROCEED WITH THE SECOND STEP WITHOUT REQUESTING ANY FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION FROM A BIDDER. HOWEVER, SHAPE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AND DISCUSS ADDITIONAL CLARIFYING INFORMATION FROM BIDDERS PROVIDED IT DOES NOT CHANGE ANY PROPOSAL AS SUBMITTED;

B) UNACCEPTED BIDDERS FROM STEP ONE WILL BE SO NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL EVALUATION AND FINAL DETERMINATION OF UNACCEPTABILITY;

C) IN STEP TWO OF THE IFB, THOSE BIDDERS WHOSE TECHNICAL PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN EVALUATED AND DETERMINED TO BE ACCEPTABLE UNDER STEP ONE WILL BE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT PRICE
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INFORMATION AND ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION IF REQUIRED. BIDS SUBMITTED IN THIS STEP WILL BE COMPETITIVELY EVALUATED AND THE AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE RESPONSIVE BIDDER HAVING THE LOWEST BID PRICE. HOWEVER, SHAPE RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AC/4-D/2261 (FINAL) TO SEEK NATO APPROVAL IN APPROPRIATE INSTANCES TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO ANOTHER THAN THE LOWEST BIDDER.

5. THE COST ESTIMATE FOR THIS CONTRACT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 2 MILLION INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTING UNITS (IAUS).

6. POTENTIAL CONTRACTORS MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING BASIC CRITERIA:

A) PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THEY ARE CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING OR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A MAJOR ADP SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN CONTRACT. THIS IMPLIES EXPERIENCE WITH LARGE INTERACTIVE ON-LINE SYSTEMS UNDER CONTROL OF A DATA BASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, INTERCONNECTED THROUGH A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, EITHER INTERNATIONAL OR ON BEHALF OF MAJOR NATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL AUTHORITIES. THE ABOVE EVIDENCE WILL BE VERIFIED BY SHAPE;

B) EACH BIDDER MUST HAVE IN HIS PRESENT EMPLOYMENT, PERSONNEL

WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF ADP AND COMMUNICATIONS DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION WORK. THE NUMBER OF SUCH PERSONNEL IN EMPLOYMENT MUST SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEED THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL THE BIDDER WOULD ALLOCATE TO THIS PROJECT;

C) DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE AVAILABLE, FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN RESOURCES, OR HAVE MADE FIRM ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE, EXPERTISE IN MILITARY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS.

7. A LIST OF QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED FIRMS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AN IFB ON THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE

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8. SHAPE INTENDS TO ISSUE THE IFB TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS TOGETHER WITH THE SHAPE STATEMENT OF WORK, CONTRACTUAL TERMS, GENERAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS ABOUT JUNE 1978. THE CLOSING DATE IS PLANNED TO BE 13 WEEKS AFTER THE MAILING DATE OF THE IFB. CHAMBERS

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